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REMARKS

A. Status Of Claims

Claims 49-56 were pending in the application prior to the instant Amendment.

Claims 49-55 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 57-64 have been added.

Claims 56-64 are now pending.

B. Independent Claim 56

Claim 56 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yazawa et al. Claim 56 has been amended to more particularly point out distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. More particularly, claim 56 has been amended to recite, inter alia, the following structures.

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said first region of said sidewall being generally cylindrical having a cylindrical axis substantially coaxial with the axis of symmetry of said mounting cup;

said second region of said sidewall being generally cylindrical having a cylindrical axis substantially coaxial with the axis of symmetry of said mounting cup to provide a mounting surface;

a bond for sealing the collapsible container to said mounting surface of said mounting cup;

said bond sealing the collapsible container located only to said mounting surface;

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said second region of said sidewall being located radially inwardly relative to said first region of said sidewall a distance sufficient to provide clearance for inserting the mounting cup and the attached collapsible container through the opening defined by the bead of the aerosol container;

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Yazawa et al. does not disclose, suggest or render obvious the structure set forth above. Firstly, Yazawa et al. does not suggest a first generally cylindrical region 63A and a second generally cylindrical region 91A of the sidewall with the second region 91A of the sidewall being located radially inwardly relative to the first region 63A. Yazawa et al. has no equivalent structure.

Secondly, Yazawa et al. does not suggest a bond for sealing the collapsible container only to the mounting surface (second generally cylindrical region 91A) of the mounting cup. In contrast, Yazawa et al. teaches one to seal a collapsible container to the peripheral rim 64A of the mounting cup.

Thirdly, Yazawa et al. does not suggest the second region 91A of the sidewall being located radially inwardly relative to the first region 63A of the sidewall a distance sufficient to provide clearance for inserting the mounting cup and the attached collapsible container through the opening defined by the bead of the aerosol container. Yazawa et al. has no equivalent structure since Yazawa et al. attaches the collapsible container to the peripheral rim of the mounting cup.

Applicant submits claim 56 is now on condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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C. Dependent Claims 57-62

Dependent claims 57-62 are dependent upon independent claim 56 and should be allowable upon the allowance of independent claim 56. Dependent claims 57-62 present the subject matter of canceled claims 50-55.

D. Independent Claim 63

Applicant has added new independent claim 63 to further define the present invention. New independent claim 63 recites the same structure as independent claim 56 with the addition of the following structure.

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said bottom wall of said mounting cup being substantially perpendicular the axis of symmetry of said mounting cup;

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Clearly, Yazawa et al. does not disclose, suggest or render obvious a first and second generally cylindrical regions of the sidewall of a mounting cup in combination with the bottom wall of the mounting cup being substantially perpendicular the axis of symmetry.

Applicant submits claim 63 is now on condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

E. Independent Claim 64

Applicant has added new independent claim 64 to further define the present invention. More particularly, claim 64 has been amended to recite, inter alia, the following structures.

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said bottom wall of said mounting cup being substantially perpendicular the axis of symmetry of said mounting cup;

said sidewall being generally cylindrical having a cylindrical axis substantially coaxial with the axis of symmetry of said mounting cup;

a projection extending from said bottom wall of said mounting cup defining a sealing surface;

said sealing surface defining a generally cylindrical surface substantially coaxial with the axis of symmetry of said mounting cup;

a collapsible container for containing the aerosol product;

a bond for sealing the collapsible container to said sealing surface of said mounting cup;

said bond sealing the collapsible container located only to said sealing surface;

said projection being located radially inwardly relative to said sidewall a distance sufficient to provide clearance for inserting the mounting cup and the attached collapsible container through the opening defined by the bead of the aerosol container;

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Clearly, Yazawa et al. does not disclose, suggest or render obvious the combination of a generally cylindrical sidewall 63 and a bottom wall 62 of the mounting cup being substantially perpendicular the axis of symmetry 13 in combination with a projection 100 extending from the bottom wall 63 to define a sealing surface 91. The projection is located radially inwardly relative to

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the sidewall a distance sufficient to provide clearance for inserting the mounting cup and the attached collapsible container through the opening defined by the bead of the aerosol container;

Applicant submits claim 64 is now on condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

F Additional Fees

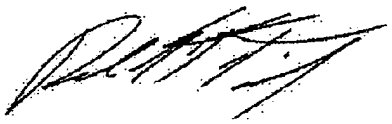
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Applicant verily believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. The undersigned attorney of record cordially invites any telephonic communications from the examiner that may assist the examiner in the examination and to expedite the allowance and issuance of Letters Patent on the subject invention.

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